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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2003-345612 -

The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 7-271738 - U.S. Patent No. 5,692,193 corresponds to this document.
3. JP 2004-259106

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

Also, in lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English documents 2 and 3 above, enclosed is an English language search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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